

Bridestowe Primary School – with Respect and Ambition We Flourish Together

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

- 12th – 16th Half Term Holiday
- 19th - Pupils Return to school
- 19th - Forest School
- 21st - Springfields Residential Home Visit (Snowy Owls)
- 23rd - Owlets & Tawny Owls Swimming
- 27th - Parent Consults (Barn Owls)
- 28th - Parent Consults (Owlets & Snowy Owls)
- 29th - Parent Consults (Tawny Owls)

March

- 1st - Owlets & Tawny Owls Swimming
- 4th - Forest School
OCRA Cross Country @ Simmons Park 4–5 pm.
- 7th - World Book Day
- 8th - Owlets & Tawny Owls Swimming
- 11th - Yrs 5 & 6 African Drumming at Lydford 9am – 11.45am

Team points:

4th Oak: points 92

3rd Elm: points 96

2nd Willow: points 124

1st Ash: points 141

STAR OF THE WEEK

Dear Families,

I have been amazed at how much we have been able to cram into this first half term of 2024. The children have thrown themselves into their learning and sport and art. I have loved seeing the children singing with Mr Arnold, and learning during forest school activities with the Devon Wildlife Trust as well as Ranger Rob. They have also been very keen to tell me about what it means to flourish at Bridestowe Primary School. This week we have marked Children's Mental Health Week. The children have been considering their zones of regulation and what they can do to help themselves and others regulate.

It was wonderful to welcome parents in this week for the phonics and early reading information session. Thank you for all your on-going support with homework, reading and transporting children to sporting fixtures. It was lovely to meet some of you at the parents' forum and the wellbeing workshops on Wednesday.

We hope you have a happy and relaxing half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Jordan and the Bridestowe Staff Team

ATTENDANCE
93.44%

	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
BARN	Zak – Writing an ambitious dialogue in English	Oliver – Flourishing in Maths and making excellent progress with algebra
SNOWY	Evelyn - Flourished in her writing by including a range of adverbials.	Alice - Flourishing with your handwriting and presentation.
TAWNY	Travis – Flourishing in reading.	Jacob G – Flourishing in history.
OWLETS	Emily – Flourished in drawing club and writing sentences.	Elliott – Ambition in learning.

Golden Heart Award (Bucket Fillers):

	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
BARN	Mason – golden heart – for being a good friend to everyone this week	Lucy – showing care and kindness to younger children in the school, and utilising her first aid skills
SNOWY	May - for always showing kindness to others.	Jack - well done for supporting the younger children during the Morris Dancing session this week. You were a great role model for the younger children.
TAWNY	Chester – Showing kindness to others.	Alfie – Supporting an upset friend.
OWLETS	Rose – Kindness shown to others.	Millie – Compassion shown to friends

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Continued

- 13th - Springfields Residential Home Visit (Owlets)
- 15th - Owlets & Tawny Owls Swimming
Red Nose Day 2024
- 18th - Forest School
- 20th - Easter Service for Parents (afternoon)
- 22nd - Owlets & Tawny Owls Swimming
- 27th - Cross Country @ Chagford Cricket Club 4-5.30pm
- 28th - Inset Day
- 28th - 12th April – Easter Holidays

April

- 15th - First day back
- 18th - NSPCC Speak out, stay safe workshop for Yrs 2, 5 & 6

May

- 6th - Bank Holiday
- 27th - 31st - Half Term

June

- 28th - Inset Day

July

- 19th - School Breaks up for Summer Holidays

At Bridestowe Primary we value reading very highly and we are all going to take part in this special day to celebrate the joy of books and reading. Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We will be dressing up this year and we want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books. We encourage you to use things you already have at home.

Each child will be given a £1 book voucher and you can use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book! Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at [/worldbookday.com/participating-retailers](https://worldbookday.com/participating-retailers). If you would like to take part in activities at home too, then please look at the [Families - World Book Day](https://families-worldbookday.com) website.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
7 MARCH 2024



Children's Book Award

The Federation of Children's Book Groups
(Registered Charity 360296)

Federation of Children's Book Groups - Children's Book Award Voting

The 5 schools in the Moorland hub have been taking part in the Shortlisting voting of the 'Books for Young Children' Category of the National Children's Book Awards, run by the Federation of Children's Book Groups (FCBG). This is the only national book award that is voted for entirely by children – start to finish and has been running for over 40 years! The shortlisting voting has just come to a close and between the 5 schools we have submitted over 800 votes via our local group – Plymouth CBG. Thank you so much to the younger children within our schools for engaging in the voting. The next round of voting will start soon, once the Top 10 books (across 3 categories) are announced. This is a really fabulous opportunity for our small schools to be involved with and we hope to engage with the testing of some of the older categories in the future.

If you want to learn more about the FCBG and The Children's Book Award – information can be found on the FCBG website [CBA Home – The Federation of Children's Book Groups \(fcbg.org.uk\)](https://cba-home-the-federation-of-childrens-book-groups.org.uk)



ABSENCE

If a child is ill or unable to attend school for any reason, parents/guardians (only those with parental responsibility) must contact the school by telephoning or messaging within the School Gateway before 9am and advise of the reason for their child's absence (ie, cough/cold/vomiting).

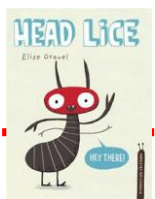
Parents/guardians must advise the school on the first and every day of absence due to illness.

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HEADLICE

We have had a report of headlice. Can you please check your child/children over the break so that we can stop the spread.

Thank you.



Schoolgateway

Can you check your child/children's account to ensure all payments are up to date and there are no outstanding balances. Thank you.

UNIFORM

The children have been looking very smart for school and wear their ties and burgundy jumpers with pride.

Children are **not** to wear trainers to school, except on PE days. PE days will remain the same next half term. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are facing challenges with replacing school uniform.

- Burgundy v-neck jumper or cardigan (with School Logo)
- White Shirts.
- Burgundy and gold ties (with School Logo)
- Girls: black or grey skirts or trousers
- Boys: black or grey trousers
- Children should wear sensible flat-heeled black shoes, not open-toed, to ensure good protection for feet and to avoid accidents while playing.

Children should not wear nail polish or make-up, and jewellery is limited to stud earrings and a watch.



Maths

All children have access to Numbots or Times Table Rock Stars where they can practise their number facts online. However, parents can also help by quizzing their children on a regular basis about their number bonds for 10 / 20 /100, as well as their times tables. Snowy Owls and Barn owls have been quizzing each other on their times tables before lunch. Please support us by practicing at home too.

$$2 + 2 = 4$$



Lunches

Just a reminder that school lunches still need to be booked by Thursday at midnight for the following week. If these lunches are not booked by this date then a home packed lunch will need to be provided.



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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The Parent Consultations are taking place in February as follows:-

27th Barn Owls

28th Owlets & Snowy Owls

29th Tawny Owls

Please use this link <https://forms.office.com/e/VSrQjhaQUz> to access the booking form.

homework

New homework tasks will be set after February half term.



Reading



Children have been reminded about reading 5 times a week. Every read witnessed by an adult (silent reading or reading to a parent) will receive a team point, so please initial their reading record. Anyone with 5 reads for the week, will be entered into the reading raffle.

CLUBS

Cheer Club	All Year Groups	3.30-4.30	Mondays until 25 th March
Junior First Aid Club	All Year Groups	3.30-4.30	Tuesdays until 26 th March
Drama Club	Yrs 4 - 6	3.30-4.30	Wednesdays until 27 th March
Dance Club	Yrs 1 - 6	3.30-4.30	Thursdays until 21 st March
Multi Sports Club	All Year Groups	3.30-4.30	Fridays until 22 nd March

School Blog



Don't forget you can see what we have been up to on our school blog here: [Classes blog \(bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://bridestowe-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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Number Day 2024

On Friday 2nd February we celebrated the NSPCC Number Day. Thank you to the parents who donated to the NSPCC and brought in number games to play in our teams. This was a great way for our older children to demonstrate their leadership skills and develop communication skills. We had an assembly on numbers and learnt a number trick from Johnny Ball.



Children's Mental Health Week at Bridestowe Primary School!

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK. We started our week at Bridestowe with an assembly to recognise our feelings and how we can talk about them. We had a singing assembly with Mr Arnold because singing can help us to feel good.

Wednesday saw our wellbeing day - children were given the opportunity to choose an activity from a list of possibilities including running, Morris Dancing, worry dolls, art and crochet! Over 20 parents joined us in the various activities. It was great to see the school community coming together to support children in their wellbeing. Understanding that taking time out of the day to do something you enjoy or to learn a new skill can be really good for your mood and have a positive impact on how you are feeling. Thank you to everyone for making the session so successful for our children.



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The Snowy Owls and residents at Springfield's Residential Home had a wonderful get together this week. The children enjoyed reading and chatting to the residents - a really worthwhile and valuable link in our community with both young and old gaining so much from the experience.



Being in the great outdoors is great from Mental Health - children from across the school have enjoyed time in our beautiful school grounds this week. Being in the fresh air and appreciating our wonderful surroundings. The Snowy Owls even made their own wild dens to offer some shelter from the Dartmoor weather!!



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Children shared their homework with their peers and parents – celebrating our achievements and successes is a great way to make us feel good inside and be proud of what we do. Thank you to everyone who has supported their child to make this possible.



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Our week ended with 'Express Yourself' Day - giving everyone the opportunity to dress in a way which reflects their personality or their interests. We are all unique and it is important that this is recognised and celebrated. Key Stage 2 children explored the film 'Wonder' as part of PSHE and the importance of kindness too all regardless of appearance.



Barn Owls:

Barn Owls have been demonstrating ambitious choices in their writing this week. Children have been finalising their detective narratives in English, essays on the Industrial Revolution in History. The children have also completed their unit of work on sculpture in Art and Design.

We enjoyed listening to each other describe our home learning and the children asked a variety of pertinent questions. It was a fantastic opportunity to practise our oracy skills while demonstrating what we had learnt through our homework projects.



Crochet – we've become 'hooked' on crochet. If you have any wool or crochet hooks you no longer need, please send them in with your child.



In Maths we are continuing to develop our fluency in times tables. Please keep practicing! Well done to everyone for improving their TTRS scores this term.



Snowy Owls:

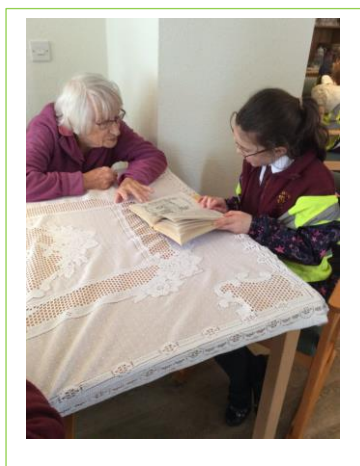
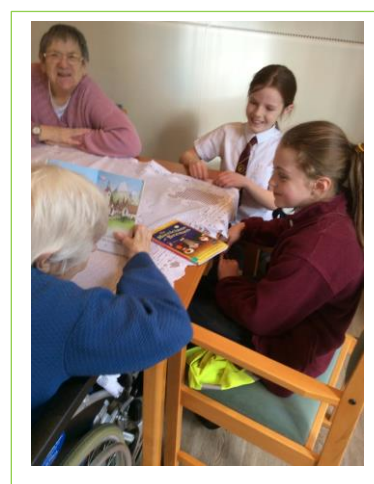
During the Snowy Owl's last session with Sarah from Devon Wildlife Trust, the children built their own wild dens!



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Snowy Owls Continued:

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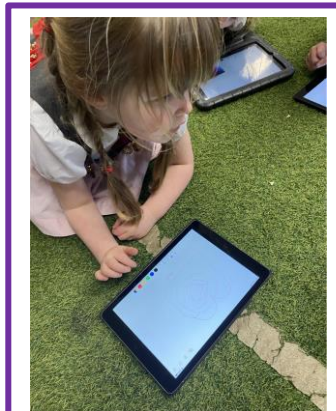
Tawny Owls:

As part of Wellbeing Wednesday, the Tawny Owls have been learning a mindfulness technique - doodling. They first had to finish an already started doodle and then allowed their minds to wander and create their very own doodles.

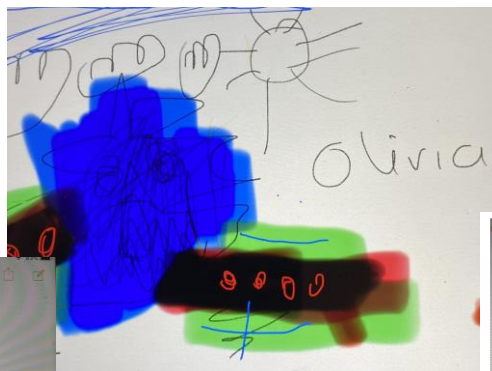


Owlets:

The Owlets have been learning about Chinese New Year. They made fortune cookies, built The Great Wall of China and created dragon pictures using the iPad.



Owlets Continued:



The Owlets made bird feeders in Forest School with Ranger Rob, using lemons, fat and bird seed. After completion they hung them around the forest area.

